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Summary of Daily News.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20.
The Emperor declared to be worse.
1500 students march through the streets of
Paris, shouting, "Down with Boulanger."
Fires: in Metropolitan club house, Wash-
ington; 12,000 barrels oil and 8000 barrels of
gasoline at Fort Wayne, Ind.; polishing shop
in Quincy.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21.
Dexter, Robert Bonner's famous 2,171-4
trotting-horse, dies of old age (30) in New
York.
Funeral of Roscoe Conkling in Utica.

Fires: public buildings burned at Winona,
Miss., \$250,000; carriage manufactory at
Hopkington, \$75,000; business blocks at
Delphi, Ind., \$40,000; Day Button works at
Long Island City, N. Y., \$30,000; sash and
door factory at Eau Claire, Wis., \$100,000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22.
Queen Victoria starts from Florence for
Berlin.

Chicago bakers strike in the morning, and
get the "whole loaf" they ask for, before
night.

Fires: in business block at Athol, \$7000;
two dwellings in Compton, R. I., \$18,000;
rolling mills at Carlisle, Ia., \$50,000.

MONDAY, APRIL 23.
Queen Victoria lunches with the Emperor
of Austria at Innsbruck en route for Berlin.
Reports from Emperor Frederick a little
more favorable.

French Chamber of Deputies passes vote
of confidence in M. De Freycinet, the Minis-
ter of War, objection having been made to
him by the Boulangerist party.

"Red Leary," one of the famous North-
ampton bank robbers (in 1876) dies in New
York from the effects of a blow,
\$100,000 worth of barns and hay belonging
to Union Stock Yards and Transit Company,
Chicago, burned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24.
Queen Victoria arrives in Berlin, and calls
upon her royal relations.
Count Herbert Bismarck appointed Minis-
ter of foreign affairs in Germany.
Fires: in tenement house, New York, one
woman burned to death, and three other
persons seriously injured; in morocco shop,
Peabody, \$5,000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25.
State Republican Convention in Tremont
Temple.
Lord Randolph Churchill makes a speech
in Parliament, expressing his disapproval of
the position of the government.

Fires: High School building and Unitar-
ian church at Concord, \$70,000; Wood's
Chemical Paint mills at Natick, \$10,000;
Electric light station at Fall River, \$150,000;
in Delameter Iron Works, New York, \$10,
000; New York boarding house, four women
dangerously burned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26.
Queen Victoria leaves Berlin for England.
German physicians think the Emperor has
passed the present crisis in his disease.
Collision on Lake Shore R.R.; several la-
borers seriously injured.
Fires: Central City, Dak., destroyed; At-
lantic Machine works, E. Boston, \$150,000.

Various News Items.

Every week has the record of men who,
bravely surviving their exposure to death in
bravely battling for their country on land or
sea, have at last surrendered to "the last
enemy." Brigadier-General William Dwight
died in Boston on Saturday. He was a col-
onel of the 70th N. Y., left as dead at the bat-
tle of Williamsburg, taken prisoner, after-
wards at Port Hudson, in the Red River
campaign, and under Sheridan in the Shen-
andoah Valley. He helped to turn the for-
tune of the day at Winchester, when Early
was defeated.

Rear Admiral Boggs died in New Jersey
on Sunday. He was a midshipman in 1826,
when he was fifteen-years old, and was all
his life in the naval service, being made
Rear Admiral in 1870. He was a nephew of
Capt. Lawrence of the Chesapeake, and pos-
sessed the spirit of his famous command,
"Don't give up the ship." He commanded the
gunboat Varuna of Farragut's Gulf
Squadron, and in the terrible bombardment
of Forts Jackson and Phillip destroyed six
of the rebel gunboats. The Varuna was
pierced with shot, but he did not give up
the ship to the enemy, but running her to-
wards the bank, and escaping with his crew
in the Oneida's boats, let her sink with her
flag still flying! He afterwards commanded
the Juniata and the DeSoto.

An equally brave man, though a private,
Geo. B. Brown was honored by a public fun-
eral in Malden on Sunday. He was a boy of
16 at the beginning of the war, but went
into the service as a drummer. He was for
three years in the company of sharpshooters
attached to the 22d Mass., and took part in
thirty-two engagements.

Other deaths during the week have been
those of W. B. Dinsmore, president of the
Adams Express Company, who joined Alvin
Adams in carrying on that business in 1841;
A. S. Abell, founder of the Philadelphia
Public Ledger, and afterwards of the Balti-
more Sun; Dr. Edward G. Loring an eminent
eye and specialist, at and one time associated
with Dr. Agnew, whose death was reported
last week.

The Massachusetts State Republican
Convention in Tremont Temple on Wednes-
day was attended by nearly 1000 delegates.
Gen. William Cogswell of Salem presided,
and made a very able speech on the political
issues of the day. Hon. Geo. A. Marden of
Lowell reported a series of resolutions com-
mitting the party anew to honest elections,
to a revised tariff but revised in the interest
of protection, to civil service reform and
upon temperance—calling upon the National
Republican Convention "to recognize the
saloon as the enemy of civilization and
humanity." The men selected as delegates
to the Chicago Convention are Geo. F. Hoar,
Frederick L. Burden, Henry S. Hyde, Alan-
son W. Beard. Dr. Geo. B. Loring had 224
votes in opposition to Mr. Beard. The
matter of preferences for presidential candi-
dates did not come up at all, and the dele-
gates are, as they ought to be, entirely un-
committed; and with such an able and hon-
est man as Senator Hoar at the head of the
delegation, it ought to be fully trusted by
the party.

In the Massachusetts legislature, the
liquor bills are undergoing discussion. The
Senate has reversed its former action and re-
jected the bill turning the license fees into
the State treasury, and the House engrossed
the bill to limit the number of licenses, by

a large majority. Equally decisive action
was taken in the lower branch on the bill
giving women the right to vote in town or
city elections and to hold town or city of-
fices. The vote rejecting this bill stood 107
to 36. A bill was reported to create a naval
battalion of the state volunteer militia.

The tariff, the copyright, and the appro-
priation bills, are on the Congressional car-
pet, but little real progress made in either of
them, although some good speeches have
been made. Brigadier General Crook has
been confirmed as Major General in the reg-
ular army, and Commander W. S. Schley
to be Captain in the navy. Strong petitions
were presented in the Senate from the phy-
sicians, school superintendents and other
citizens of Washington asking for legisla-
tion to prohibit the sale of cigars, cigarettes
and tobacco to boys under sixteen years, in
the District of Columbia, one prominent Sen-
ator rising in his place to declare that the
use of cigarettes was destroying the rising
generation and affecting injuriously the
prosperity of the country. The President
has vetoed several pension bills, apparently
for good reasons, and has written a letter
instructing the U. S. District Attorney for
Massachusetts to proceed against the own-
ers and masters of fishing vessels who have
imported foreign labor. There is a storm
brewing—or already brewed—on the New
England sea-coast with reference to this
matter, the people of Gloucester and other
sea-ports indignantly denying the statement
that a large proportion of the men employed
in our fisheries are aliens.

The air is getting thicker and thicker with
politics. All public matters in and out of
Washington are seen through the prism of
plannings and plottings. Minister Phelps,
whom the country was thinking to be an ex-
cellent candidate for the Chief Justiceship,
and one likely to be appointed by the Presi-
dent, is apparently dropped because the ap-
pointment of a man not identified with the
Irish party in England might hurt the Ad-
ministration party in America. Roscoe
Conkling's death is calculated as raising the
value of Blaine stock, and the failure of the
Gillig American Exchange Company in Lon-
don as seriously discounting the chances of
its president, "Joe Hawley," although no
one doubts his entire honesty. Mr. Cleve-
land will unquestionably be re-nominated,
but it is generally understood that he has
forfeited the support of many prominent
"Independents," on account of his signal
failure to carry out civil reform ideas in his
administration. This may however make
him all the stronger with the rank and file
of his own party. What candidate the Re-
publicans will set up against him is a riddle
which no one can guess. Senator Edmunds
is too good a man to be a popular candidate.
Blaine being counted out—as he asked to be
—John Sherman is just now most talked of,
and would of course be a strong, safe man
for President, if he could only be nominated
—and elected. A great many patriotic peo-
ple, both East and West, would be pleased
with the nomination of a son of Abraham
Lincoln!

Another interesting tax-question has
arisen in Salem. The county commissioners,
having bought a piece of property adjoining
the jail in that city, are renting the three
houses upon it until such time as they shall
use the property for the object for which
they purchased it. The city assessors claim
taxes upon it on the ground that it is now
used for county purposes.

ORIGINAL
COMMUNICATIONS.

Volapük.

ANDOVER, April 20, 1888.

My dear Mr. Editor: In response to your request that I should furnish the renders of the TOWNSMAN with some account of the new language, Volapük, about which some of the public prints have recently had so much to say, I take great pleasure in sending you a paper written by Mr. Charles P. Pierce, a member of the Academy. Mr. Pierce's paper was originally prepared for our Senior Club of which he was a member; and at first he was, quite naturally, opposed to having it published. But it so admirably fulfills the conditions of your request, that I thought that you ought to have it; and I have at length persuaded Mr. Pierce to allow me to send it to you.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD G. COY.

The practicability of a universal language has been a matter of earnest discussion ever since the seventeenth century. An attempt to provide such a medium of communication was made by Becker as early as 1661, and there is record of another attempt by Delgarno in the preceding year.

Becker's system consisted in numbering the words in a Latin lexicon, alphabetically arranged. Then in a corresponding English or German lexicon the proper words would be placed after their corresponding numbers. For instance, if the Latin word *bonus* had the number 700 before it, an Englishman looking in his dictionary would find the word 'good' after 700; and so in the other languages.

To write a language of this sort it would be necessary either to understand the Latin, or else to have a lexicon alphabetically arranged, with the words numbered as in the Latin one. This was of course a very clumsy system.

The most remarkable attempt of the kind, however, was made in 1668 by Bishop Wilkins; but even this system was intricate and failed to accomplish the purpose of its author. Since Wilkins' time, many scholars have been trying to find the key to the problem. But though there has been quite a large number of so-called universal languages, yet they have all been either so complex that only men of the highest intellectual attainments could learn them, or else have been repulsive mutilations of some modern language. And so futile have been these attempts, that very many linguists and most literary men have denied the possibility of finding a universal language at all adapted to general use.

In 1881 however, the first publications were issued upon a language which seems to show the feasibility of constructing a universal speech, even if it do not itself offer the solution of all the inherent difficulties of the problem. This new language is the result of the labors of a German named Johann Martin Schleyer, a retired Catholic priest. Schleyer has succeeded, after twenty years of hard labor, in devising a system which in very many respects seems to meet the requirements of a universal language. The whole system came to him by a sort of inspiration. He says that he had been pondering all day upon the evils resulting from the confusion of tongues at Babel, and felt hopeless of doing anything to overcome them. In this state of mind he went to bed, and in the night the whole scheme burst upon him. He sprang out of bed, and wrote down the outlines of his world-language.

Mr. Schleyer has named this language Volapük, from *Vol* 'world,' and *pük* 'speech'; hence the name means literally 'world's speech,' or universal language. The word Volapük is derived from the English words *world* and *speech*. The essential part of *world* is *wor*. For phonetic reasons, *w* becomes *v* and *r* becomes *l*; and thus *wor* becomes *vol*. The ending *a* is the sign of the genitive case; hence *vola* means 'of the world.' Again, the word *speech* drops the initial *s*, and then phonetic spelling transforms *peak* into *pük*. Putting these two parts together makes Volapük.

This language has not been brought to general notice in this country until within a very short time. It has, however, met with very great favor across the sea, to such an extent indeed, that several German and Italian firms have announced that they are prepared to carry on busi-

ness in Volapük. It has been warmly received by nearly all the European nations and has found favor in Beirut, Syria. It has a foothold in this country at Salt Lake City, San Francisco and New Orleans.

The first congress of the disciples of Volapük was held at Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance. Three hundred members were present. The second congress was held at Munich, in August of the past year, and a third is appointed for 1889 at Paris. There were a large number present at the last congress, representing many different nations. One lady from San Francisco was the only representative from our country. But before proceeding further, it may be well to examine the main features of the language itself.

The first publications, as I have said, were made about 1881. Mr. Schleyer has published in addition, a Volapük lexicon containing 13,000 words, which is soon to be translated into all the languages of Europe and Asia. The vocabulary of Volapük, so far as stems of words are concerned, has been obtained in a great measure from English and French; but all the languages of Europe have been drawn upon to a considerable extent. The principles of grammatical structure have been borrowed from the French, as being the easiest to understand.

There are twenty-seven letters in the Volapük alphabet, of which eight are vowels; and one of the fundamental principles of the language is, that each letter has the same sound always and everywhere. This fact, as anyone can see, at once disposes of the chief difficulty encountered in learning a language like the English. Then there are no diphthongs, each vowel being pronounced by itself. The accent is always placed on the last syllable, as in French. The consonants are sounded as in English, with a few exceptions: e. g., *c* is like the English *j*; hence *cel* the word meaning 'cherry' is pronounced *jail*. *J* is pronounced like the English *sh*; hence the word *jel* meaning 'shelter' is pronounced *shale*. The letter *r* has been modified to *l*, as one writer says, "out of consideration for children, old people and the Chinese." There is but one declension; but its four cases are declined in both the singular and plural. The oblique cases are formed by the addition of the three first vowels, *a*, *e*, *i*, to the stem of the word; the plural is formed from the singular by the addition of *s*. E. g., the word *dom*, meaning 'house' is declined; Nom. dom, Gen. doma, Dat. dome, Acc. domi, Plural, N. doms, G. domas, D. domes, A. domis. Gender is a very simple matter, there being only the masculine and feminine. The feminine is applied to names of female beings only and is distinguished from the masculine by prefixing the syllable *of*, which serves also as the third personal pronoun feminine. E. g. the word *tidel* means 'schoolmaster'; hence *of-tidel* means 'schoolmistress,' literally 'she-schoolmaster.'

Adjectives are formed from nouns by adding the syllable *ik*. Thus since *fam* means 'glory,' *famik* means 'glorious.' Adverbs are formed from adjectives by adding *o*; thus *famako* means 'gloriously.' The pronouns are declined like the nouns. The possessive pronouns are formed from the personal by affixing *ik*; e. g., since *of* means 'she,' *ofik* means 'her' or 'hers.'

But it is the verb which Mr. Schleyer regards as his greatest triumph, though it affords those disposed to doubt the utility of the system a good deal of ground for criticism. Volapük verbs have an active, a passive, and a reflexive form. They are nearly all derived from substantives. This indeed is one of the leading characteristics of Volapük, and tends to make its vocabulary easy to acquire. One writer on the subject says that if a person learns the nouns he can form all the other necessary words. Take for instance the Volapük word *pen* meaning 'pen,' add the infinitive ending *ön* and we have *penön* meaning 'to write.' The verb is inflected by adding the personal pronouns to the stem; for example, the first person singular, present indicative of the verb 'to write,' is formed by adding the first personal pronoun *ob* to the stem; thus *penob*, I write. The other tenses of the indicative are formed by prefixing the vowels *a*, *e*, *i*, *o*, *u*. E. g.,

Imperfect <i>a</i>	I was writing.
Perfect <i>e</i>	I have written
Pluperfect <i>i</i>	I had written
1st future <i>o</i>	I shall write
2nd future <i>u</i>	I shall have written

The conditional mood is formed by adding the syllable *öe* to the imperfect and pluperfect of the indicative; as *öepenob-öe*, I should write. The subjunctive mood is formed by affixing the syllable *la* to the tenses of the indicative; e. g., the present subjunctive is *penob-la*, 'if I write.' The passive of the verb is formed by prefixing the letter *p* to the tenses of the indicative; as *alöfob*, 'I loved,' *pälöfob*, 'I was loved.' As the present has no prefix, the syllable *pa* is used; e. g., *löpob*, 'I love,' *pälöpob*, 'I am loved.' The passive may also be formed by the use of the verb 'to be' and the present participle; e. g., *binob* *pälöföf*, 'I am loved.' The reflexive verb is formed by adding the accusative case of the pronoun to the verb; e. g., *vatukön öki*, 'to wash oneself.'

This is a very rough outline of the grammar of Volapük, but will give nevertheless a good idea of the principles on which the language has been constructed. There must of necessity be a great many difficulties to overcome in the perfection of a system for world-wide communication. It would be strange indeed if there were not some points overlooked. The question is, whether Volapük will do what is claimed for it, or whether on the other hand, the objections raised against it are such as will really debar it from the uses for which it is avowedly designed.

(The remainder of this article will be published next week.)

AULD LANG-SYNE.

More from the "Old Red School-house."

Before the old record book of the Osgood District is dismissed, we desire to make a few further extracts as to business transacted in that school-house, which caused so much discussion at first, and did service so long. Whether referring to the old families in that district or men of that time in other parts of the town, the items are of interest and ought to be preserved. At one of the first meetings held in the new school-house, built in 1795, a Committee was chosen to draw up regulations "respecting defacing the House," and their report was accepted at a subsequent meeting.

ANDOVER March 1 1796

Agreeable to our Covenant, by us made, signed and sealed, for adopting such Measures as are necessary to prevent our School House from being damaged or defaced, by the Children under our care, to send there to School, do agree to and vote the following articles, to be Established and posted up in some place in said school House.

1ly. for every square of glass, clap-board, casing, Casement, ceiling, plastering, Table, chair, Seats, Stools, or any other thing belonging to the out Side or in Side of the school House; broken by the Scholars scuffling or playing while they are improving the same, shall be by their parent, Master, or Mistress (whose care it is to send them to school) replaced and made good as it was before; or hire the same to be Done

2ly. for every cut, scratch, mark, stain or spot, on any part of the house or anything belonging thereunto: done by any kind of tool, finger, nail, pin, paint, Chalk, or any other kind of thing, except Ink accidentally spilt, shall be made good in the manner aforesaid.

3ly. for dirtying or muddying the desk, chairs, Seats or stools by the Scholars getting upon them, and running over them with dirty shoes, shall be by them cleaned; or in manner aforesaid.

4ly. for every damage or defacing, done to said House, or any other thing belonging thereunto, as aforesaid: the Scholar or Scholars doing the same shall be punished or their offence given to a Committee appointed to inspect the same, at the discretion of the Master or Mistress keeping the school at the time the offence is committed.

5ly. and all such damages or defacings that are done by our sending to school shall be appraised by the Committee chosen yearly to hire a Master or Mistress from time to time to keep our School, and the same to be paid to a Treasurer appointed to receive the same from the offender's parent, Master or Mistress."

The Committee consisted of Zebadiah Holt, Jacob Osgood, Thomas Boynton, John Flint and Joshua Osgood, Jr., and

the resolutions testify to their practical sagacity, as well as to the good sense of the men in the school-meeting, who voted to adopt them.

We wonder, however, whether the boys of that time, who had no voice in adopting this "covenant," were able to keep it. Imagine an average boy sitting behind one of those old-fashioned benches for a whole winter, and leaving it in the spring without "cut, scratch, mark, stain or spot!" The style of jack-knife may vary in different generations, but human nature remains ever the same.

It should be noted also that the good service of these Resolutions was perpetuated by a vote taken nearly fifty years after (March 8, 1842), to "get the by-laws printed," and a printed copy is still kept, with the old date attached—March 1, 1796.

November 28th 1797. Voted to Expend the Money allowed by the Town for 1797 for a reading and writing School the present winter.

Voted to allow Eight Shillings Pr week for Boarding the School Master.

Voted to chuse a Committee to procure a Slise and tongues for the use of the District at the School House and pay for the Same out of the Money not otherwise appropriated. Mr Jacob Osgood Zeba'h Holt a Committee for the above purpose.

We have some curiosity to know how these men divided the arduous duties of this commission between them—perhaps Mr. Jacob Osgood bought the "Slise" and Mr. Zebadiah Holt the "tongues," or vice versa!

March 22d 1798

Voted to expend one third of the Money (allowed by the town) for a Summer School the Present Season.

Voted to chuse a committee to hire a School Mistress and Set up a Summer School when they think it convenient for the Interest of the district and give timely notice when the said district school will be set up. Mr Thomas. Boynton Mr John Flint Mr Abiel Upton a Committee for the above pu po e.

Voted to allow 4-6 Pr week for Boarding the School Mistress.

The election of one man as Prudential Committee seems to have been an innovation of a later day—three were regularly chosen for that purpose. The boarding of the Master and the Mistress was arranged at the fall and spring meetings. In the spring of 1790, 4-8 was voted, and "Mr. Upton agreed for that sum." In the fall Mr John Flint agreed to board the master for 8s. In 1802, the price was stated in federal currency, i. e., "90 cents a week, for boarding school Mistress."

In June, 1803, a special meeting was held to hear a letter (addressed to Mr. Jacob Osgood,) from Samuel Abbot, Esq., well known in subsequent years as one of the founders of the Theological Seminary, the Chair of Systematic Theology being specially called by his name.

Sir, If the money appropriated by the Town and the proprietary Money that may be added for the support of the Summer Schools in your District should not be sufficient to Support your School through the Season for the encouragement of instruction among the Children; I will add something to lengthen it out; provided that the School Mistress shall obtain a Certificate from the Selectmen; and the Minister of this town as the law directs, and provided also the School shall make use of the Bibles, Testaments and the assembly's Shorter Catechism, and provided further that the District in proportion to their Taxes shall pay for the Board of the School Mistress during the time it shall pay her for keeping the School. It is expected you will reasonably inform me when the above monies will be expended. A Blessing is wished upon the School by your Friend

SAMUEL ABBOT.

Andover, May 17th 1803.

After the letter was read, it was "voted to Comply with its Contents," and Messrs Jacob Osgood, Jedediah Burt and Zebadiah Holt chosen "to present the thanks of the District to Sam'l Abbot, Esq., for the donations granted to this district from time to time for the encouragement of Education"—from which it would seem that similar provision for lengthening out the summer record had been previously made.

From that time, a vote was regularly taken as to the purchase of wood. Mr. Abiel Upton furnished it for the winter of 1804 at 13-6 a cord, for 1805, at "two dollars and eight cents Pr Cord," for 1806 at 2-50 cts, Mr. Osgood and Mr. Upton each furnishing a cord. In November, 1808, "John Flint, Ebenezer Lovejoy, Peter French and Jacob Osgood proposed to give four feet of wood each, and Thomas

Boynton jun. two feet of dry pine for the use of the School." In 1809, it was voted "to chuse a committee of one to hire a School Master & Mistress for the year ensuing," and John Flint was the one. From that time the custom of choosing one man alternated with the old way of having three; with an occasional compromise on two. It may be worthy of preservation to know who served on this Committee year after year.

1810. Peter French. 1811. Jacob Osgood. 1812. John Flint. 1813. Ebenezer Lovejoy. Jedediah Burt, Peter French. 1814. Thomas Boynton. Jacob Osgood, Peter French. 1815. Chose three, and then voted to reconsider, and chose two—Ebenezer Lovejoy. Thomas Boynton, Jr. 1816. Thomas Boynton, Jacob Osgood, Benjamin Boynton. 1817. John Flint. 1818. Abiel Upton. 1819. Ebenezer Lovejoy, Jacob Osgood, Peter French. 1820. Same. 1821. Seth Burt, Asa L. Holt, Jacob Osgood. 1822. Jacob Osgood. 1823. John Flint. 1824. "Voted to have But one on the above mentioned committee," Asa L. Holt. 1825. Peter French. 1826. "Voted that one be a committee," Chose Mr. Thomas Boynton, Jr. "Voted to add one to the committee," Chose Mr. Benjamin Dane, Jr. 1827. Benj. Dane, Ebenezer Lovejoy. 1828. Benjamin Dane. 1829. George French. 1830. Jacob Osgood, Ebenezer Lovejoy. 1831. Jacob Dascomb. 1832. Nathan Clark, George French. 1833. Dudley Trow. 1834. Dudley Trow, Jr. 1835. Jacob Dascomb. 1836. Benj. Boynton. 1837. Same. 1838. Chose Jedediah Burt Prudential Committee, and so called thereafter. 1839. Same. 1840. Alanson Flint. 1841. George Upton. 1842. Same. 1843. Isaac Caruth. 1844. Ebenezer Lovejoy, Jr. 1845. Jedediah Burt. 1846. Alfred Hardy. 1847. Benjamin Boynton, Jr. 1848. Same. 1849. Sylvester Lovejoy. 1850. Abel B. Walker. 1851. Jedediah Burt. 1852. Same. 1853. Abel B. Walker. 1854. Alexander Winning. 1855. Alanson Flint. 1856. Same. 1857. Sylvester Lovejoy. 1858. Same. 1859. P. B. Follansbee. 1860. J. Knowles, Jr. 1861. Same. 1862. A. B. Walker. 1863. Same. 1864. P. M. Jefferson. 1865. Same. 1866. Same. The District system was abolished this year, and with it ceased the time honored office of "Prudential Committee."

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE.

What the Children Say.

A lady reader out-of-town sends two or three sayings of her boy—Robbie. we will call him. "There is nothing but cold heat coming up the register, papa."

One morning he evidently had a funny dream, and burst into a hearty laugh, which awoke him. Looking up from his crib, he said: "Papa, I was going to laugh, and I laughed before I laughed."

Another morning he asked: "Did you hear me dream last night, papa?"

He heard his father dream—as he thought—quite loudly one morning, and immediately woke him up, saying: "I don't like that kind of dreams."

Little boy who has the influenza:—"No, I don't feel well. Bofe of my eyes is leaking, and one of my noses don't go."

A boy eight years old, in one of our public schools, having been told that a reptile "is an animal that creeps," on being asked to name one, promptly and triumphantly replied, "A baby."

Little Stuart had spent his first day at school. "What did you learn?" was his auntie's question. "Didn't learn anything." "Well, what did you do?" "Didn't do anything. There was a woman wanting to know how to spell 'cat,' and after she bothered me ome I told her."

Kitty in the Rain.

My kitty would not wet her fur.

Or paws, if she could choose;

So she shall have a gossamer,

And she shall have gum shoes.

And she shall have a parasol—

Ho, Kitty'll be quite vain!

And then she will not care at all

How often it may rain.

—Wide Awake.

FARMERS' COLUMN.

Early Sowing of Grass-seed.

Farmers are every year learning the importance of sowing grass-seed and clover-seed very early. It is best to seed when the ground is frozen and when still further frosts may be expected. The surface is then damp and the fine seeds are covered sufficiently to insure their rooting after they germinate. It is better even to tramp over the fields through the mud than to wait for the surface to become dry. Generally, however, there are light frosts at night at this season, and the sowing can best be done on still mornings before the mud has thawed. The reason why grass-seed sowing must be earlier now than formerly is because vegetable matter in the soil decreases with continued cultivation, and this prevents it from holding moisture as long as it used to do. If grass-seed does not get rooted early it is quite apt to dry out and perish when dry weather comes.—*American Cultivator*.

Planting Trees.

Plant nothing but good thrifty trees, and remember to cut away all broken or bruised roots caused by transportation. Do not crowd, but carefully spread out the remaining roots when placing the tree in the soil. Sprinkle the dirt well over and through all tender shoots. Have the hole large enough to give plenty of room, for if the roots are doubled or crowded the tree will not grow readily as you might wish. Set in a line and about thirty feet apart. Lowlands are detrimental to orcharding. The side-hill, with a southern or southeastern cant, is far the best for fruit-trees in the New England States, as it will give natural drainage, and in spring-time the snow disappears earlier, the ground warms up and the trees will be seen to move forward much sooner than those so placed as to receive less sun and in reach of strong northern blasts. The fruit will ripen earlier, and be of a better flavor and richer color. Again, the trees, when loaded with fruit, will not be broken down as they would could the winds strike them more forcibly. I find in Maine that the best orchards are on land as I have described, and from experience I know the location has a great deal to do with the profits or losses of an orchard.—*Cor. of N. H. Journal*.

When one gives an order to an agent for fruit trees, the novelties better be left out, unless one wants to experiment. Better buy well-proved varieties. Never sign a contract when the order is given, allowing the nurseryman to substitute his own selections should he not chance to have the kinds ordered. Many nurserymen keep a stock of free-growing, inferior varieties with which to fill such orders. Inexperienced men fool too much with miscellaneous varieties.—*Maine Farmer*.

What does any healthy person want to go down to Florida and wait ten years for an orange grove to grow, when a quince orchard North is more profitable in half the time?—*American Garden*.

The Daphnes.

Warren L. Johnson, now at Manning's Reading Nursery, writes us an answer to the question which he says is often asked as to the daphnes:

There are three varieties. The *Daphne Cneorum*, or flowering daphne, is one of the best evergreen shrubs. Its flowers are in terminal clusters, and are from a light to a dark shade of pink. They appear in early spring, in midsummer, and in autumn, and are both beautiful and fragrant.

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The *daphne var. alba* is the same as the last, only that the flowers are white. All these shrubs are as hardy as the lilac.

Help on the Farm.

In looking into the qualifications of an applicant for work on the farm, one of the first points for investigation—after his moral character in its relation to the children—is his experience and trustworthiness in handling horses. A man

otherwise cheap enough, would be a dear investment if he should ruin the disposition of one or two promising young horses, train the team with which he works into bad habits, or be guilty of general thoughtlessness in his work about the stables. We would discharge a man as quickly for inefficiency in this line as for any other fault relating to the quality of his services.—*National Live Stock Journal*.

A Tariff Riddle.

Under this head, the *Boston Evening Traveller* of Monday makes an interesting comment on Mr. John Smith's 1828 speech on the Tariff, which we printed in last week's TOWNSMAN, and which the *Traveller* reprinted in full:

The address on protection delivered in 1828, printed in another column, will well repay reading, for it is sound doctrine today. Mr. John Smith, late of Andover, came to this country from Scotland in 1816, and was a practical mechanic. After working in Waltham and Medway in 1822 he went to Andover and began business for himself as a manufacturer of cotton machinery. In 1828 there was a fierce contest over the issue of protection and free trade, and during that controversy Mr. Smith, as a business man, looking to the interests of the country, decided to sustain the policy of making goods at home, instead of buying abroad. It was a plain statement to favor aiding American industry. Every position taken by Mr. Smith in 1828 was prophetic, and the history of our prosperity is its vindication. This lucid exposition of the wisdom of building up our home manufactures applies with force three score years after its delivery to the present movement of this administration to break down the principle then upheld. In 1835, Mr. Smith, with his brother and another Scotchman, started at Andover the flax-spinning business. Protection has enabled this industry to flourish, and though its founders have passed away, it is still continued on the spot of its origin. Identified with it today are the descendants of the energetic citizen whose tariff address we copy. It employs 350 hands, and is a source of benefit to the community. The passage of the Mills bill, now under discussion, would seriously impair, if not destroy, this business. It could not under the Mills act, keep alive except by a reduction of wages, and this fact is the best answer to the free-trade theories now being so violently agitated. The gist of the tariff policy is home development. We must by necessity foster industry when we buy manufactured articles; shall it be American or foreign industry that receives the benefit?—that is the question, and the interesting views of John Smith, given in 1828, throw light on the subject.

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The constant reference in the papers to "Volapük," without giving a clear idea what that new and strange word means, makes the compact and careful account on our second page of special value. The remainder of the article will be given next week.

The Andover speech on the Tariff of sixty years ago is receiving a wide circulation, as will be seen by reference to page three.

His Excellency Oliver Ames, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has issued his proclamation designating Saturday, April 28, to be observed as Arbor Day, and recommending

"That it be observed by the people of the Commonwealth in the planting of trees, shrubs and vines; in the promotion of forest growth and culture; in the adornment of public and private grounds, places and ways; and in such other efforts and undertakings as shall be in harmony with the general character of the day."

As Andover is an eminently law-abiding and Governor-obeying town, it is hoped that many of our citizens will conform to the spirit of this proclamation. It will be remembered that the town voted the expenditure of a tree-planting appropriation to the Farmers' Club. Mr. Andrews, Chairman of the Farmers' Club Committee, informs us that that committee is ready to deliver trees to any parties wishing to set them out on the street, at the rate of twenty cents each. If any one wishes to add poetry to proclamation, let him read Lucy Larcom's lines on the sixth page:

Heaven and earth help him who plants a tree,
And his work its own reward shall be.

We were intending to call special attention to the "May breakfast," but all we now need to do is to call attention to the article on the seventh page in which Mrs. Downs calls our attention to the matter. After reading that, it will be seen that it is not a question of *may* breakfast, but of *must* breakfast with the Christian Endeavorers at the Town Hall on Tuesday morning, and the only regret any will feel is that they have not larger families to accept the invitation!

It is the privilege of the most humble editor to serve his generation in many and various ways, but a requisition was made upon us the other day for a new form of service, which we were compelled respectfully but earnestly to decline. Our caller wished us "to pull a tooth for him"! We were only too happy to refer him to the best dentist in town, up stairs, one flight, teeth extracted without pain."

ANDOVER NEWS.

The office of the Selectmen and Town Clerk looks nicely with its new floor, and newly kalsomined ceiling, E. Gile attending to the latter improvement.

Every dog must have his day, and that day by Massachusetts statute is Monday, April 30, on or before which, every Andover dog must, either in person or by proxy, march up to the Town Clerk's office and pay the license fee for the ensuing year. Some people may not like dogs and some may not like licenses, but it is a pleasant consideration to both classes to remember that the net proceeds of these licenses go to our public library—so that every dog means a new book for Memorial Hall.

John and Patrick McAlley were tried last week before Judge Poor, for breaking in the door of a dwelling-house near the depot on the previous Saturday night. John was discharged and Patrick was fined \$5 and costs, from which he appealed.

By the way, it was not William G. Brown, of Rea and Abbott's, who appeared before Justice Poor last week—he would be about the last man to disturb anybody's peace, except with a piece of good meat! In fact, it was not a *Brown* at all who was on trial.

We ought not only to have a night police but an extra officer for day duty. In broad sunlight on a pleasant spring afternoon this week, a gentleman left his horse and carriage securely fastened, he supposed, near our office. When he was ready to use it, the team was gone, no one at first seemed to know where or how. Fortunately, however, a neighboring merchant, seeing two ladies get into the carriage and drive rapidly off, followed them with nearly equal rapidity. The parties soon returned, and the matter was amicably adjusted. Had they not come back so promptly, an alarm would have been given by the Bell.

Twelve applications for naturalization papers were made this week by men from Ballardvale, ten being Germans and two Englishmen.

John F. Howard of Lawrence, well known as for a long time illegally supplying certain places in our manufacturing villages with liquor, was brought before Justice Poor on Wednesday, and was discharged.

Napoleon Dubord is putting in the foundation for the new wagon house and shed for the street and fire departments.

Samuel W. Blunt is adding a bay-window on the sunny side of his house, for the sake of enlarging and lighting his dining-room. Mason is the carpenter.

Wm. S. Jenkins is repainting his house and regrading his lawn.

Mr. H. J. Canfield who has bought the Rev. Charles Smith estate is making some improvements on the house before occupying it, his family meantime having rooms at Mrs. Hayward's opposite. Cole & Hardy do the work. Mrs. Smith goes to Rochester, N. Y., to spend the season with her sister there, and Mr. Edwin B. Smith returns to Minneapolis.

Miss Alice C. Jenkins sailed on the Germanic of the White Star line from New York on Wednesday. She accompanies Gen. and Mrs. Eben Sutton of North Andover, and their daughter, Mrs. Young. They are to be abroad about two months, spending most of the time in London and Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Rea were married in Nashua, N. H., the residence of the bride, April 26, 1888, and celebrated their golden wedding at their home on High St., Thursday evening, April 26, 1888. Over a hundred and fifty guests were present, including many from North Andover, some from Vermont, New Hampshire, etc. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and the tables were well loaded not only with eatables, but with gold and silver gifts, and a handful of gold coin thrown in. Mr. Rea was the son of Mr. Daniel Rea, who resided on the original John Lovejoy place in the North Parish. All their married life has been spent in Andover, most of it in the South Parish, where they are well known and respected. Their living children are J. Putnam Rea, who has recently gone to Washington Territory, and Chas. P. Rea, Mrs. Geo. W. Blood and Mrs. Geo. A. Putnam all of Andover.

Contributions of food for the May breakfast will be gratefully received from all persons interested, not reached by the solicitors, by a committee at the Town Hall after 4 p. m. next Monday. Ice cream and flowers will be sold, but 25 cents pays for everything else that may be on the table. Music will be furnished during the morning by the Phillips Orchestra who kindly give their services.

A large and enthusiastic audience was in attendance at the Town Hall last Monday evening to hear the celebrated violinist Camilla Urso. It is difficult to say anything new in praise of this marvellous artiste. In her playing of Ernst's "Otello" and the "Witches' Dance," by Paganini, she held her audience as by a spell. There was something particularly striking in her rendering of the latter composition. The technique was faultless, the coloring warm, and the weird fancy which characterizes the piece was interpreted with rare insight and much imagination. Madame Urso particularly excels in the ease with which she produces her harmonies and in the purity of their tone which is as clear and sweet as the whistle of a bird. Her beautiful transcriptions of Chopin's "Waltz," opus 24, and Schumann's "Traumerl" were given with the deepest musical feeling and were veritable poems in tone. Of the rest of the programme we most enjoyed the work of Miss Griffin, who after an evident nervousness had worn away, won the hearts of her hearers, by her clear, sympathetic voice and her pleasing manner. She is a sweet, natural singer and her enunciation is exceptionally fine. Mr. Miller has a rich voice and sang well, but his upper notes were a little strained. Mr. King is a fine accompanist, except when he introduces trashy runs into his interludes, which not only mar the beauty of a composition, but interrupt the effect and progression of the song. His solo playing was brilliant but lacked meaning. His tempo in Moskowski's "Waltz" in B flat, was too quick. The notes fell with all the impetuosity of a rain storm and resulted in confusion of sound. He possesses a rare technique. But it is one thing to play notes and another thing to interpret their meaning.

The annual meeting of the Andover conference at the John St. church, Lowell, on Tuesday was very largely attended, this town being well represented; Rev. L. H. Sheldon served as moderator. The discussion on Revivals was opened by Professor Gulliver, Rev. Clark Carter and Rev. W. E. Wolcott. Rev. Mr. Hanks, the veteran seamen's secretary and the first pastor of John St. church—about fifty years ago—took part in the discussion as did also Messrs. Bowker and Adriance. Messrs. Blair, Makepeace and Greene made reports for their representative churches. The collation for the multitude was bountiful, a most enjoyable organ concert thrown in for the benefit of those who had to wait for the second table.

The annual report of the Andover School Committee will appear the first of next week. Principal Clark's report of the Pynchard Free School shows how ably he is keeping up to its high grade that institution of which Andover has always been proud. The faithful attendance of his scholars is quite remarkable. The number of different pupils, not enrolled in some other school in town, attending during the year (ending April 1), was 57; average membership for the year, 54.6; average attendance for the year, 53.7—while the roll of honor contains the names of 56 who have not been absent or tardy in one or all of these three terms. At the recent annual meeting of the Trustees, Rev. J. J. Blair resigned the presidency of the Board, and Rev. Frederick Palmer was chosen in his place. The Visiting committee this year are Messrs. Palmer, Greene and Boutwell.

A special meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on Thursday evening, in interest of the Creamery project. In the absence of President Blunt, Mr. John Saunders served as chairman. At the invitation of the Creamery Committee Mr. H. E. Cummings of North Brookfield, Superintendent of the Creamery at that place, was present, and gave a plain, straight-forward, matter-of-fact statement of the operation of the enterprise. His address, as well as his answers to questions asked him by Mr. E. F. Holt, Mr. Albert Berry, and others, interested the club very much, and a vote of thanks was tendered him therefor. We will not undertake to report his remarks, as he has kindly given us the use of his notes, the substance of which we shall print next week. The meeting was adjourned two weeks to consult further upon the subject, and to hear the full report of the Committee.

Messrs. Peter D. Smith J. M. Bean, and Chas. Greene of Ballardvale will start tomorrow on the Southern trip arranged by the Mass. Heavy Artillery. They will be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. C. L. Mills of Central St., is improving her residence by the addition of a handsome bow window after plans prepared by Boston architects, Geo. S. Cole doing the work.

We learn, just as we go to press, of the death of Mrs. Joseph S. Holt, of pneumonia.

The first game of ball upon the newly graded campus occurred on Monday afternoon. The Bowdoin college nine on their vacation tour were the opponents. Although the Academy boys were defeated by a score of 12 to 3, the game was very interesting in showing how the new players would appear both individually and as a team. Only three of last year's nine remain to play this year, —Messrs. Stearns, Brainerd and Mowry, whose abilities are well known. Some of the new ones made a good appearance others not so good, and changes will be made as there is plenty of material to choose from. It is thought that a nine as strong as last year's can be made up. It is not likely that a catcher equal to Knowlton can be found, but Stearns promises to be fully equal to Aldrich as pitcher, and White upon the third base is superior to any one who has played that position for years.

The game on Wednesday with a nine from Methuen was won by the Academy boys by a score of 8 to 7.

The campus is getting into fine condition and when finally in order will be one of the best school playgrounds in the country. The boys are much pleased that it can be used so soon, as the constant rains and damp, cold weather, has, until very recently, given little promise of its being dry enough to use at all until very late in the term.

The Phillips base ball nine play the Stars of Lawrence the 28th. The Y.M.T.A. of Lawrence, May 2, and the Harvard Freshmen, May 5th.

The following Phillips Academy students have been selected to compete for the Draper prizes in elocution: C. G. Bill of Springfield, O. H. Brown of Portland, Me., S. E. Farwell of St. Paul, Minn., A. E. Gale of Haverhill, F. W. Hodgdon of Haverhill, J. W. Husted of New York, G. R. King of Calais, Me., W. W. Parker of Milford, Pa., W. G. Preston of Omaha, Neb., and J. Schoen of Cleveland, O. The Means Prize Speaking will be May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Marland Darracott of New York brought their little daughter, Helen Ager Darracott, here for burial in the Christ church cemetery, last Friday. It is an interesting coincidence that the first funeral held in the new church should be a great-grandchild of Mr. Abraham Marland, one of the principal founders of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Cole, who have been in Europe since Mr. Cole's graduation from the Seminary last year, landed from the Cephalonia on Sunday. They visited England, France, Germany and Italy, and greatly enjoyed every part of their tour. Mr. Cole is a member of the Advanced Class, and goes on with his work at the Seminary.

Rev. Charles H. Cutler and family of Bangor are spending a few days in town. Mr. Cutler speaks of a pleasant cluster of clergymen of different denominations in Bangor who studied at Andover, including Professors Ropes and Denio, and Messrs. Geo. C. Cressey (1884) and John McGaw Foster (1885). Andover has done a good deal for the Pine Tree State from the time when so many of her strong men went there in old times to settle Albany, Norway, and other "new townships" in the District of Maine. This leads us to remember that we forgot last week to record that Prof. Woodruff of Bowdoin College spent two or three days in town.

Mr. John Alden, chemist of the Pacific Mills, Lawrence, gave an interesting lecture to the chemistry class and other members of Abbot Academy, on Friday evening, the 20. The purpose of the lecture was to explain and illustrate the process of dyeing and printing and was supplementary to a visit made by the class to the mills some weeks ago. Mr. Alden first explained the old method of dyeing by the aid of mordants illustrating with many experiments, one of which was the production of six different colors upon one piece of cotton by means of one coloring matter, used with different mordants. A brief history of the discovery of the more important aniline colors was given and their superiority to the older vegetable and animal colors both as to readiness of action and greater stability, was well demonstrated. One of the most interesting illustrations was a pound of coal accompanied by the exact amount of each product (with the exception of the gas), that can be obtained by its distillation: the coke, ammoniacal liquors, benzol, and coal-tar, together with the substances derived from the latter that form the foundation of the different series of aniline colors.

There was also a specimen of one of the most remarkable and most recently discovered coal tar products, saccharin, a perfectly harmless substitute for sugar, one pound of which is equivalent to nearly three hundred pounds of sugar.

Each member of the class was presented with a little book of samples illustrating the old and the new methods of dyeing.

Can't always tell by what the newspapers say—for, example, last week's Andover TOWNSMAN reported that Mr. John H. Flint had resigned his trusteeship at Ballardvale, but he hasn't!

The Tyer Rubber Co. will begin next Monday their summer time, their whistle blowing at 6.30 A. M. and 6.15 P. M., and a half-holiday on Saturday.

West Parish.

At the Wednesday evening meeting the pastor gave a report of the proceedings of the Congregational conference held Tuesday in John Street church, Lowell.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Nathan Moor and Mr. David Jamieson are not much better.

E. Pike is introducing steam heat into the house of Edward W. Boutwell of the West Parish.

The West Parish Seamen's Friend Society held their last meeting at Mr. Richard Dodson's in Frye Village.

Abbott Village.

Alexander Fraser, along with his brother from Westboro, was visiting his parents on Cuba St. last Saturday.

The Andover Athletic Association has secured Mr. Locke's field, near the Poor Farm for outdoor sports. A first-class diamond will be laid out for base-ball.

The base-ball nine will be composed of young men, ages averaging between sixteen and nineteen years, and they will be glad to hear from clubs of that age.

Mr. Jos. A. Smart is having a new fence erected in front of his house. Hardy & Cole are doing the work.

Last Sunday afternoon the grass at the back of Mr. Saunders' house caught fire, whereby part of the fence was burned down.

The Road Commissioners have at last looked to this part of the town. Persons may not now be afraid to walk past the old Cogswell house in wet weather without sinking to the ankles in mud. A new sidewalk has been completed from this village to Marland village.

A new house is to be erected on the lot on Mineral St. recently purchased by Mr. Mahaney. Geo. S. Cole is to do the work.

Mr. Chas. Busfield of Merrimack has been spending a few days with his parents.

The Cricket club will engage in a game on Saturday, between two elevens picked from the club.

Mrs. Alexander Anderson is seriously ill at her home in this village.

On Wednesday evening the woods at the back of the towns gravel pit near the Red Spring were discovered to be on fire. Several of the male inhabitants of Cuba street, however, after half an hour's work managed to beat it out before much damage was done. It had evidently been set on fire.

Frye Village.

The Andover TOWNSMAN can be had at the store of Mrs. Messer every Friday afternoon.

The meeting for the practice in the new hymn book was fairly attended. There were also present from the Seminary Messrs. R. A. Woods, C. C. Torrey, L. D. Bliss, H. K. Santikian, G. B. Kambouropoulos, and C. M. Clark. During the evening Mr. Santikian sang two Armenian songs.

Mr. G. A. Buck of the Seminary conducted the services in the Hall Sunday evening. Subject John 4: 13, 14. At the close of the meeting Mr. William C. Donald presented Miss Amy F. Battles with a copy of the new hymn book. Miss Battles is entitled to the thanks of those who attend these meetings for her services in playing the organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnard of Boston visited Mr. and Mrs. Middleton last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Harry Tuttle of Merrimack visited Mr. Alexander Morrison last week.

Mrs. Clegg of Manchester visited Mr. and Mrs. Dodson, Saturday and Sunday.

A football match was played on the Fair grounds, Lowell, between the Lawrence and Lowell clubs last Saturday afternoon. Lawrence, 2, Lowell, 0.

The property of the late Mrs. Richardson has been purchased by Joseph W. Smith, Esq.

Wm. Poor has just completed one of his famous meat wagons for parties in Littleton and a new styled milk wagon, arranged to carry the milk in glass jars, for parties in Wakefield.

BALLARDVALE

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BALLARDVALE TO BOSTON. A.M. 6.55; 7.51; 11.15. P.M. 12.34; 2.14; 3.23; 4.30; 5.49; 9.44. Sunday: A.M. 8.38. P.M. 12.25; 5.58.

BALLARDVALE TO LOWELL. 7.51; 8.57; 10.40; 11.15. P.M. 12.34; 1.45; 2.49; 3.23; 4.30; 5.58; 7.17; 9.44. Sunday: A.M. 8.38. P.M. 12.25; 5.58.

BALLARDVALE TO LAWRENCE. A.M. 6.57; 7.28; 8.18; 8.55; 10.19; 11.25. P.M. 12.48; 1.18; 3.37; 4.55; 5.40; 6.45; 7.26; 7.48. Sunday: A.M. 9.01. P.M. 6.08; 8.00.

BOSTON TO BALLARDVALE. A.M. 6.00; 7.30; 9.30; 10.25. P.M. 12.02; 2.30; 4.02; 5.00; 6.35; 7.00; 11.00. Sunday: A.M. 8.00. P.M. 5.00; 7.00.

LOWELL TO BALLARDVALE. A.M. 7.10; 7.35; 8.35; 11.00. P.M. 1.00; 2.00; 4.00; 5.10; 6.15; 6.55; 11.10. Sunday: A.M. 8.20; P.M. 5.40; 7.30.

LAWRENCE TO BALLARDVALE. A.M. 6.40; 7.30; 9.40; 10.30; 11.00. P.M. 12.17; 1.10; 2.00; 2.50; 3.00; 4.15; 5.40; (7.05 from So. Law.). 9.30. Sunday: A.M. 8.15. P.M. 12.10; 5.35.

Mr. Winslow Goodwin is the authorized agent of the TOWNSMAN in Ballardvale.

There was a slim attendance at the shoot last Saturday and the heavy wind blew the targets in every direction making good scores impossible. Targets ten Lockport bats. E. Hoffman, S. Townsend and Teich, 6 each.

Mrs. C. T. Harrington is making an extended visit in Amesbury.

Arthur McKeon, the shoemaker, has removed to Haverhill.

Mr. Wm. Clemons had as guests Sunday, his father, R. G. Clemons and his sister, Miss Ella Clemons of Nashua, N. H.

Willie, nine year old son of Mr. John Howell, while sitting beside a stove last Sunday, was overcome by a sudden rush of blood to the head and fell face down on the hot stove burning the side of his head and face severely before he was noticed. Mr. Howell was at church, but fortunately Mr. C. U. Tuck happened to be passing the house, which is about a mile out of the village, and summoned Dr. Shattuck. The burn is not painful but will probably disfigure the child's face.

The Athletics have been grading and otherwise improving their grounds.

John P. Morgan will run a shooting match with a rifle to-morrow afternoon near the shooting gallery; there will be a prize valued at five dollars.

The names of thirteen would be voters of foreign birth are posted in the depot.

Thirteen persons from the Congregational church attended the Andover Conference in Lowell, Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Martin and Rev. Mr. Bowker exchanged pulpits last Sabbath.

Chas. Dilloway spent Sunday in Meriden, Ct.

At the Society meeting of the Congregational church, April 19, the resignation of Rev. Mr. Bowker was accepted, and suitable resolutions were adopted.

The all absorbing topic just now is who has the best horse in town, with the odds in favor of J. S. Stark.

Agnes, daughter of the late James McFadden, Sen., formerly of Ballardvale, died in Wakefield, Tuesday, of measles, aged seven years. The funeral services were held in Methuen yesterday.

The firemen were called out Wednesday afternoon to extinguish a brush fire on Lowell St. above Chas. Lane's house. (The horses were on hand in good time, though fortunately they were not needed). Another brush fire on Andover St. the same day made the services of a portion of the company necessary. There was no damage at either place.

Lewis H. Holden and family have removed to Lawrence where Mr. Holden has accepted a good situation.

P. Conway has put in a good line of boots and shoes in his new store on Centre St.

Wm. Allen has completed the repairs on his works at Lowell Junction (the Mears place, damaged by fire last fall) Chas. Fischer will occupy it. Everill Harnden is doing the stone work on the cellar for Mr. Allen's double house on Marland St.

H. A. Moody has the contract for a cottage from the same plans as the one he is now finishing, with the addition of an L, for Elmer H. Shattuck. The cellar is being dug on the adjoining lot on Chester St. Mr. Moody has his pretty cottage nearly done and is grading around it at present.

Wm. Quinn has left the employ of the Craighead and Kintz Mfg Co.

A building for social purposes will be erected opposite Albert Willard's on Andover St. shortly.

Mrs. Thomas Clinton sold one hundred tickets in aid of the fair of the church of the Good Shepherd at Boston recently. Mrs. James Caffrey drew a china tea set on a ticket held by her.

Emil Hoffman is having mounted a handsome heron shot by him lately. It measures about six feet from tip to tip of its wings.

The residence of H. F. Wilson is to undergo extensive improvements. It will be raised and another story added.

NORTH ANDOVER.

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TRAINS LEAVE FOR BOSTON. A.M. 7.30, 8.21, 9.33, 9.57. P.M. 12.14, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 9.21. SUNDAY, A.M. 8.13, 11.57. P.M. 4.19, 5.36, 7.37.

LEAVE BOSTON FOR NORTH ANDOVER. A.M. 6.00, 7.30, 9.30, 12.02 M. 2.15, 3.20, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 11.00, P.M. SUNDAY: A.M. 8.00. P.M. 6.00, 7.00.

NO. A. TO LOWELL: A.M. 7.30, 8.21, 9.33, 10.57. P.M. 12.14, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 6.56, 7.00, 9.21. SUNDAY: A.M. 8.13, 11.57. P.M. 4.19, 5.36, 8.37.

LOWELL TO NO. A.: A.M. 7.10, 7.35. P.M. 12.15, 3.00, 3.40, 5.10, 6.15, 11.10. SUNDAY: A.M. 8.20. P.M. 7.30.

NO. A. TO SO. LAWRENCE. A.M. 7.30, 7.55, 8.21, 9.22, 9.33, 10.57, 11.57. P.M. 12.14, 12.30, 3.06, 4.02, 5.27, 5.36, 6.56, 7.00, 9.21. SUNDAY: A.M. 8.13, 11.57. P.M. 4.19, 5.36, 8.37.

NO. A. TO NO. LAWRENCE. A.M. 7.55, 9.22, 11.57. P.M. 12.30, 4.02, 5.27, 5.36, 9.21. SUNDAY: A.M. 11.57. P.M. 5.36.

NO. LAWRENCE TO NO. A.: A.M. 7.41, 7.50, 8.25. P.M. 1.00, 3.45, 6.50, 11.55. SUNDAY: A.M. P.M. 8.17.

NO. A. TO SALEM: A.M. 7.48, 8.38. P.M. 1.07, 5.58.

SALEM TO NO. A.: A.M. 7.00, 11.32. P.M. 4.43, 6.00.

GOING EAST: A.M. 8.57. P.M. 1.05, 4.18, 5.58. SUNDAY: 7.00 P.M.

NO. A. TO HAVERHILL: A.M. 12.02, 7.15, 7.58, 8.37, 10.37. P.M. 1.05, 3.12, 3.55, 4.18, 5.58, 7.00, 8.05. SUNDAY: A.M. 9.18. P.M. 7.00, 8.25.

HAVERHILL TO NO. A.: A.M. 7.17, 8.10, 9.10, 9.22, 10.45, 11.45. P.M. 12.02, 2.54, 8.50, 5.15, 6.45, 9.10. SUNDAY: A.M. 8.00, 11.45. P.M. 4.08, 6.26, 7.25.

The initiatory sale and entertainment of the U.L.F. of Wauwinet Lodge I.O.O.F. Sewing Society, held in Merrimack Hall Friday evening, was very largely attended by representatives from all parts of the town. Flags and streamers were used as a means of tasteful ornamentation on the sides and front of the hall. The various committees attended to their respective duties very creditably. The thirsty customers refreshed themselves at the coffee stand in charge of Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Shedd and Mrs. Fernandez. Confectionery, Mrs. Stearns and Mrs. Coan. Checking, Mrs. Charles Robinson. Domestic table in charge of Mrs. Eben Downing, assisted by Mrs. E. Robinson, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Wm. Holt, Mrs. Kershaw, Mrs. Robert Elliott and Mrs. J. P. Markey. The entertainment committee, Mrs. Wm. J. Halliday, Jr., Mrs. Shedd, Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Horace Downing offered the following programme: Selections by Colby's Orchestra; impersonation of the "Three Little Maids," by Misses Shedd, Rand and Bixby; duett, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester, with Mr. Upham of Lawrence accompanist; solo by Mrs. Sylvester. Flowers were rapidly sold from a handsomely constructed bower near the right centre of the hall, by Mrs. James Woodhouse, Mrs. Walter Hayes and Mrs. Charles Gleason. The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. Fred. Murch with Mrs. Chas. Robinson, Mrs. Geo. Mizen, Mrs. H. Downing and Mrs. Walter Stone, assistants. Refreshments under the direction of Mrs. Abbott Prescott with Mrs. A. B. Bixby, Mrs. J. Rand, Mrs. D. Wallwork, Mrs. F. Tisdale, Mrs. Geo. Chadwick and Mrs. Geo. Greenwood. Door-keepers, Messrs. Enos Robinson and E. F. Chesley.

Mr. Frank H. Barnard was in town Sunday.

Mr. Lawson Robinson visited friends in Newburyport, Sunday.

The following programme was given at the regular weekly meeting of T. A. S. last Sunday evening: Songs by Messrs. Chas. Moulton, Pres. O'Brien, Geo. Reynolds, C. M. Sanborn and F. Gile; duett, Misses Mabel Cheney and Maud Robinson; violin solo, Master Arthur Chickering; harmonica solos, Messrs. Walter Hayes and Ephraim Kershaw; recitations, Misses Sarah Eastwood and Maud Robinson; readings, Mrs. Chas. Hall, Misses Annie Saunders, M. Alice Polard, Nellie Murch and Alice Harris, Messrs. Martin Dunbar and F. W. Eaton; wit and humor, Mr. F. W. Frisbee; remarks, Mr. Thos. Brown.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society met with Mrs. William Baxter, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Amos E. Dyer, a resident of town for many years, expects soon to remove to the homestead in Steep Falls, Maine, which has recently come into his possession.

Co. L. has received a gift of \$100 from the Davis & Furber Machine Co. Merrimack Hall will be used as their armory until a better place can be secured. The evenings for drill are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Over \$200 were cleared at the sale and entertainment, given by the ladies Friday evening.

The Trustees of the M. E. church held a meeting last Thursday evening and organized as follows: Mr. James Standerling, chairman; Mr. A. W. Brainard, clerk; Mr. Charles Morton, treasurer and collector. The church stewards held a meeting Thursday evening this week.

Mr. Arthur Davis of Boston was visiting Hon. Geo. L. Davis, Sunday.

The house of Mrs. Lewis Weil at the Centre is a very desirable one for a summer residence and will be let for the season.

April 24, there was a dramatic entertainment given by the Grange. The committee was Mrs. J. G. Chadwick, Mrs. John Barker, Mrs. Peter Holt, Miss Ida B. Ingalls, Messrs. Peter Holt, Jr., O. S. Hutchinson and F. E. Nason. Several persons have made application for admission to the Grange.

Mr. A. D. Blanchard has sold his residence at the junction of Elm and Main Sts., to the parish Committee of St. Paul's church. The house is finely furnished, in a good locality and is soon to be occupied by the rector and family.

Rev. Alfred Nickerson of Exeter, N. H., exchanged with Rev. Mr. Noyes, Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Hill has purchased a horse and carriage to be used in traveling for the Amesbury carriage makers.

Mr. A. D. Blanchard, Jr. has purchased a new horse.

Gen. and Mrs. Eben Sutton, Mrs. Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacobs, Jr., sailed for Europe, Wednesday.

Rev. H. H. Leavitt, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Merrill and Miss Lizzie Saunders attended the conference at the John St. church, Lowell, Tuesday, as delegates from the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill went as substitutes for Mr. John F. and Miss Lucy F. Kimball. There was also a number of other persons present from town.

Mr. John Elliott arrived in Boston, Tuesday, from Scotland on the Catalonia.

It is said that the Putnam estate, now that of Hon. Willard P. Phillips, is advertised for sale. It is probably one of the most picturesque estates in the county.

Miss Mary Blanchard is visiting in Jamaica Plains.

A varied musical and literary programme is being prepared to complete the evening's enjoyment at the Cricket Club supper, Saturday evening.

Misses Sarah, Alice and Hattie McKone start for Washington, D. C., today (Friday).

Mrs. E. A. Baldwin is visiting in Goff's Falls, N. H.

Hon. and Mrs. John A. Wiley leave town for Washington, D. C., today (Friday).

The young people of the Methodist church are making preparations for a "Pink Party" to be held in the vestry on Friday evening, May 11.

Mrs. Charles L. Weil was in town, Sunday.

Mrs. D. W. Nutting and daughter are to sail for Europe in June.

Mr. James F. McKone, Resident Physician of the Emergency Hospital, Washington D. C., has been appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Medical Department of Georgetown University in that city.

A meeting to hear the reports of the various committees on Memorial Day will be held in the Seletmen's office, May 18.

The Drum Corps plays for the Lawrence Cadet Corps at their ball on the Skating Rink, May 1. They are soon to vacate the ante-room of Merrimack Hall, on account of Co. L.

Mr. Wm. B. Parkhurst's house is being repainted.

There were three feet of snow in the cut near Spofford's Lane the first of the week.

Mr. G. D. Wright and Master John Downing, violinists, played with Colby's Orchestra at the sale, Friday evening.

IT IS COMMON SENSE for any one to see that they use soaps that are not adulterated. Reach's World Soap is pure. Use no other.

The exhausted and drowsy feelings, common to spring time, indicate an impure and sluggish condition of the blood, which may be remedied by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the most powerful, and, at the same time, most economical blood purifier known.

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-AT-

AUCTION!

For Sale at Public Auction on

SATURDAY, APRIL 28,

At 1 O'Clock, P. M. Sharp.

The house and land owned by Thomas Conway, situated on Centre Street, in the beautiful, thriving village of Ballard Vale, Mass. This property is now occupied by Mrs. Sherry and is to be sold to the highest bidder as the owner is in poor health and does not feel able to look after it.

GEORGE S. COLE, Auctioneer.

Terms, \$500.00 on delivery of deeds within 10 days; balance can remain on mortgage.

Andover, Mass., April 18, 1888.

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A handsome Emerson piano will be sold at a sacrifice as party is about to move away, used about a year, address K. TOWNSMAN.

REAL ESTATE

-AT-

AUCTION

ON

Saturday, April 28,

At 2 O'Clock in the Afternoon.

I shall sell at public auction the nice cozy cottage house and land belonging to Miss M. F. Hollingsworth; situated on Centre Street, Ballard Vale. House has 7 rooms in good repair, one of the best locations in this thriving village, it has only to be examined to be appreciated. House will be open for inspection from April 23 to April 28. Immediately after the sale of the real estate, I shall proceed to sell the household furniture consisting in part as follows: 2 parlor stoves for coal, 1 wood stove, 1 cooking range, oil stove, chamber sets, 6 carpets, 3 feather beds, 4 hair mattresses and other general household furniture. TERMS: Personal property, Cash; Real estate, \$100.00 cash. 1-3 of whole amount can remain on mortgage, balance of purchase money when deeds are delivered which will be within ten days.

MISS M. F. HOLLINGSWORTH.

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POETRY.

Plant a Tree!

He who plants a tree,
Plants a hope.
Rootlets up through fibres blindly grope;
Leaves unfold into horizons free.
So man's life must climb
From the clods of time
Unto heavens sublime.
Canst thou prophesy, thou little tree,
What the glory of thy boughs shall be?

He who plants a tree,
Plants a joy;
Plants a comfort that will never cloy;
Every day a fresh reality,
Beautiful and strong,
To whose shelter throng
Creatures blithe with song.
If thou couldst but know, thou happy tree,
Of the bliss that shall inhabit thee!

He who plants a tree,—
He plants peace.
Under its green curtains jargons cease.
Leaf and zephyr murmur soothingly;
Shadows soft with sleep
Down dired eyelids creep,
Balm of slumber deep.
Never hast thou dreamed, thou blessed tree,
Of the benediction thou shalt be.

He who plants a tree,—
He plants youth;
Vigor won for centuries, in sooth;
Life of time, that hints eternally!
Boughs their strength uprear,
New shoots every year,
On old growths appear.
Thou shalt teach the ages, sturdy tree,
Youth of soul is immortality.

He who plants a tree,—
He plants love.
Tents of coolness spreading out above
Wayfarers, he may not live to see.
Gifts that grow are best;
Hands that bless, are best;
Plant! Life does the rest!
Heaven and earth help him who plants a tree,
And his work its own reward shall be.

—Lucy Larcom, in *Youth's Companion*.

SELECTIONS.

The Gift he Gave to his Lady-love.

"Something odd, rich, and in good taste."

"Expensive, of course," responded the obsequious salesman, with a knowing twinkle in his eye.

"Well, you know I don't mind the cost," I answered.

"I should say not, Mr Gifford," the man replied, at the same time bowing me along in that body-bending sort of way that salesmen seem to think tickles us customers who have big money to spend. "Right this way. Into our sanctum sanctorum. Yes, yes. Aha! Not every one is invited in here." And he poked me deferentially into that room with the curtains and gaslight, don't ye know, where they pretend to keep the nicest things in art.

In fact, they knew me well at Bolton's. I was a free buyer of anything new and rare that they imported: had been, indeed, for ten years, ever since I came into my property.

"What a raft of stuff you gentlemen have worked into my bachelor quarters, first and last," I said to the salesman.

"And yet, sir, not a parvenue in your residence!" Not a vulgar piece. All veretable."

"Yes, I flatter myself I have good taste," I sighed. "But then young Bolton of the house was one of ours at the club and had been schooled abroad in this virtu business, don't ye know. I met him first over there."

My wish in this particular instance was for something delicate but very sincere, as they call it. I had rarely ever been so genuinely moved. I think never in my life. I might have permitted myself to become actually excited over it, except that I never forgot what belonged to good form. Now that last hurdle of Sheep-head bay will excite most men, especially if they have much up. But I never give way. Did you never notice me on my cob, statuesque to the finish, and my glasses not even trembling as I put them to my eyes? The fellows always remarked on it, did the dear boys, and envied me. Yes, don't you know. Just so at Le Grand Prix. And you know how hot it always is in Paris in June. Of course the Derby is a bit exasperating to everybody, so many there.

The fair creature—as they put it in the old-fashioned novel—I never read these new ones about the Laphams, for they make me think of pictures unvarnished, and besides they come too close home,

sort o' vulgar photography of Boston people whom I know; and any fellow can manage a camera, but it takes an artist to create and paint a fair creature with 'real romantic surroundings—well I met her first in Geneva, where she was at school. Her watchful parents were starving near by at a pension.

It was for her that I wanted this present. For five years I had bided my time. That sweet face—but her parents were puritanical sort of people, very wealthy, you know, but very proper. The child was ever under a duenna of a preceptress, who kept my queen out of reach of such a scapegrace as I was then. I used to manage to meet her, however. Don't some young heart thrill as he or she reads this with the memories of those Geneva schools, walking out in such pretty procession Saturday afternoons, with the teachers ahead and alongside and bringing up the rear; and fine brilliant winter's sunshine, the glorious lake, the long bridge around whose shapely piers the clear waters parted like liquid amber, into which a dreaming idler could stand gazing by the hour? Don't you remember the other fellows who used to come out and watch the pretty armies of the girl's schools? It was like a grand review day very often. Of course they saw us; knew we were Americans; and I am sure we Yankee boys looked as well as the English and German fellows who used to be on the bridge also. Ah, we came pretty near several duels with those foreign chaps! That they should so much as dare look at our girls! Ours were the fairest faces in those schools. The English girls had more color, but they walked more like oxen. There were some pretty Egyptian misses in the school with my Dulcinea. But such bright, clear and flashing good looks as the American girls had! We Yankee boys used to boast of it. I believe I did not mention that I was in old Pierre Lombard's boys' school. Dear old Geneva, I salute thee! So does many another who reads these lines. By the way, boys, old Pierre is dead. He died last year. I was in Heidelberg at the time and went down on invitation.

Well, well. It was in old Geneva that I lost my heart. I met Mary often later on as the family began to travel a couple of years after her graduation; met at railway stations and hotels, don't ye know. Her dignified father introduced me at last, one day in Brussels. We traveled to Paris together. I knew then that she might some time love me if I behaved. Still there was never anything in Galinani's about me. I candidly review my life this moment, and in all my continental residence there was never anything beastly bad about me. A lone fellow in this world, a mere boy when my guardian first sent me over there, with too much money, with lots of health, and no more religious training than I had had—why I did think that Mary's Presbyterian father might look further and far worse for a son-in-law. Still I was surprised, you may believe, on their return to Boston, and her coming out, to receive a card!

But to my Christmas present. We had got on to the point, heaven bless her gracious condescension, that I felt free to risk it. It must be rich, rare, and yet very quiet. There was nothing loud in that circle. And that was always my taste too, as every body knows. I think I never in my whole existence on this mundane sphere gave to any subject so much profound thought and weary search of willing feet and eyes. My happiness for life depended upon it, I then thought and I think so still. I tried the best stores here; I ran over to New York, I plodded up and down stairs in slow-and-sure Philadelphia. "Exquisite, quiet, rich, rare, costly," I kept repeating. If I had had time I would cabled a commission, but I was afraid of the steamer in its winter voyages; you know. I was at my wife's end. It is astonishing how singularly cheap all the Christmas presents are in our American shops. It is difficult to spend a good round sum, a sum anywhere near what a wealthy person wishes to spend, a sum at all comparable with the heart or the giver, not to speak of the heart of the receiver. I hear it said that poor people always feel very poor at Christmas time. Singular, isn't it? Why, it is the gifts that seem poor to me. You can't buy anything hardly that is worth having. You have to apologize. You have to fill your arms up with so many things,

like a toy wagon at a charity fair, in order to make any kind of an exhibit of affection. My experience is, among other things, that it is a very rare thing, a present that makes any one laugh right out or brings tears of joy, or even make pretty, languid eyes open wide. You try it. You can't do it! They know you're rich, and they expect a fine thing. But the fine things can't be found.

Well, in this state of mind—I am going to tell it just as it transpired, for I am telling this at a distance and can't hear your laugh or sneer—I threw myself down in my room at the Fifth Avenue at New York, on my way back to Boston, disgusted. It was a bitter cold night, I remember. The very wind was frozen. The electric light was frozen as it beat against the outside of my warm window panes. I was tired enough to drop to sleep waiting for dinner.

In my sleep—as I see it now—a bright little personage, not as tall as a wine bottle, perched on the corner of the mantle in grotesque, acrobatic poise and said:

"Why don't you give her something that costs till you feel it?"

"My curious genius," I exclaimed, springing half of my chair, "that's—that's my wish exactly. Who you are or what you are I—I confess I don't know. But you have hit my purpose to the clip of a polo mallet!"

"Then I will direct you," piped the queer, thin voice.

"Name it!" I gasped.

"Give her a temperate habit!"

"A what?"

"Give her a sweet breath without the mingled fumes of cigarettes and fine brandies. Give her a clean mouth, a clear brain, a healthy nerve, an eye with no unnatural watery humors swimming in its affectionate glances. Give her a strong, steady hand!"

"Why my shining garcon," I cried, "I am no drunkard!"

"Try to realize how that long mustache of yours smells after, say, your usual day of cigarettes and small nips. Ha, ha!"

"Nevertheless, it's a fact, dear boy, that you can't even whisper in her shell of an ear without—"

"Get off that mantel," I shouted, insulted.

The creature only laughed a Stygian echo to my voice and gave me another.

"Mi bewoy, you'll be breaking her heart by being brought home from your club in a limp, hand-me-down condition within five Christmases, even if you get her to come and live in your home. Do you want to break this lily petal by petal, as a browsing steer breaks the flowers with his hoof, preferring to eat cabbage? Why do you seek to marry such a clean, proper person unless you are willing to live as she lives?"

"Marry her? Why? Because she is the most beautiful woman on earth to-day and has my heart."

"No, she has not. You don't love her enough to give her even a sweet breath. Bah! I can do this with the fumes from your shapely mouth, even now." And quicker than I can say it, the Thing, whoever it might be, struck a match on the bronze shield of St. George—the mantle ornament on which he sat astride that minute—and set fire to my respirations. My breath burned with a sickly blue flame, suggestive of a place I had read about in school exercises in Dante. "Put it out! Fire! Quench it!" I screamed, spinning my chair back across the room.

"Exactly. Suppose you put it out your self," mocked the Thing.

The blue flame flickered out of itself, and I sat with drops of ice on my forehead as far away from the mantle as I could drive the chair with both heels in the carpet.

"Now, be manly," calmly continued the creature. "I have suggested an expensive gift. Say here and now that you will give it to sweet Mary Parker. I'm your friend. I mean good to you both, eh! Then he began to fan himself with two prismatic wings.

I looked hard at the imp who was curled up there on the brouze of the mantels. He was surely quizzing me now; a fine sneer was discernable on his old ebony face. I was sure he thought I could not do it. He wound his snake-like legs about the figure of St. George and the dragon, and dropping his head, began to finger his chin. "Can't afford it, my boy! Haven't got riches of honor and love

enough to knock off drinking to please the girl you love. Ha, ha!"

"But, you wizard, she has never asked it."

"No? Don't be so sure. I have just read it in her eyes."

"Imp! She's in Boston."

"Whence I have just come. See here, young man, I have just danced on the tips of the flames that glow in the grate before her tiny slippers. She is thinking you over. Hi, ho! Out on the smoke came, up chimney and on the wintry wind to you.

I can live in the flame, I can live in the flood, But I love the soft June and the calm of deep wood. I emerge on this frosty air, At convivance of this lady fair, hat I—"

"You wretch! Spare me! Anything but the annual infliction of holiday poetry!"

Whereupon, without further solicitation, this creature of my dreams broke off two rays from the lamp light that fell over my shoulder, hammered them into pinions on his hard little knees, and flew out into the night.

I dare say you are interested to know how this affair terminated. Well, when I awoke I found the cold gray light of winter at the morning windows. I got off to Boston as soon as I could and resolved to go to work on that present. I had only four weeks to begin it, but now these five years, the coming Christmas, I have been working on it. This truthful narrative of actual fact in a human life I have consented to give to my friend for a Christmas story. I know that truth is stranger than fiction and harder to be believed.

Al'right. Do as you please. But only yesterday afternoon up here at our country place on the Hudson, whither Mary and I take the two children for Thanksgiving and Christmas, as we came in from a rough country ride all glowing with health, Mary stood halting by the horse block a moment, clutching her habit prettily, said:

"Do you remember that it is just five years ago to-day since we were engaged?"

"What makes you remember that day?"

I asked. "Most married couples forget it and recall only the wedding date."

"Because of the perfect health that I so much admire in you every day up here. It all began with that present of yours. How strong you are for these rides! How tireless, how manly—"

"Now stop."

"No, I will not stop. I often wonder if the good husbands realize that we, the wives, admire manly vigor in them as much as they do wifely grace and beauty in us. How much it adds to our happiness that we are both in perfect health. Perfect health! Oh, God, we thank thee! How rich, full, zestful is living. Every breath is a delightful sensation! And it all comes to you, you once pale face, from the present you gave me, your reform of those two habits."

"Oh, that did cost me something, didn't it? No one will ever know I spent on it. Days of struggle, nights of sleeplessness, watching, fighting, care, and prayer. I could never have afforded it had not the Almighty stood behind me and helped me to pay the bill."

The snow is falling amid the great trees on the lawn. It is just such a night as that night in Fifth Avenue. But the great windows of this happy home gleam with no Dante's light, I trust. The imp has never come back to mount the St. George and the dragon which I have put on my mantel. But this good flesh and blood angel has bided long by my fireside. She has cleansed my mouth till I think I even talk better. If I am anything of a man I owe it to her. God bless her and bless God for her! Many a man who reads this will say the same. I have given my wife the house in town, settled upon her a fortune in her own right, would in fact, give her everything in the world, wouldn't you? Perhaps you have—in money. But would you, could you make up your mind to give your good wife the 'breaking off of any dear old habit, even if it half killed you? She would prize it more than many deeds of many lands, yea and much fine gold.

"Mary, pass the pop-corn, and do not let those two children eat any more to-night."—Emory J. Haynes in *Toledo Blade*.

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BOOKS AND READING.

The *Atlantic Monthly* for May has three "continued stories," Henry James's *Aspen Papers*, E. H. House's *Yone Santo*, and Charles Egbert Craddock's *Despot of Broomedge Cove*. The Cavalier is an interesting glimpse of one phase of old-time English history, and The American Philological Society gathers up many delightful reminiscences of such distinguished members as Franklin, Jefferson, Rittenhouse, Caspar Wistar, Rush, and Peale. Harriet Waters Preston makes "Cicero in the Senate" as vivid a personage as though he lived at Washington in the present century. Herbert Tuttle's article on the Emperor William is a very discriminating notice of the departed monarch. A Discord in Feathers is Olive Thorne Miller's biographical sketch of an oriole, an "utterly unlovely bird." Other articles are Po' Sandy, Mr. Ruskin's Early Years, and Charles Brockden Brown.

The next volume of the *Century* begins with May, and will contain a series of chapters in the Lincoln Life of great interest and importance. The subject of the Border States will be dealt with in May; and in subsequent numbers will be published the inside history of Fremont's relations with the President—an astonishing letter written by Greeley to Lincoln after the battle of Bull Run; also details as to the Trent affair, Fort Donelson, the Shiloh Campaign, Yorktown, Williamsburg to Fair Oaks, etc., etc., with especial reference to Lincoln's part in these events.

Mr. George Kennan will also begin in the May number a series of Siberian papers, telling first how he came to go to that country. Mr. Kennan had spent some time in Siberia already in connection with the overland telegraph scheme, and in the summer of 1884 he made a preliminary excursion to St. Petersburg and Moscow for the purpose of collecting material, and ascertaining whether or not obstacles were likely to be thrown in his way by the Russian Government. He returned in October, fully satisfied that his scheme was a practical one. He therefore sailed from New York for Liverpool in May, 1885. He says: "All my prepossessions were favorable to the Russian Government and unfavorable to the Russian Revolutionists." He adds that this "partly explains the friendly attitude toward me which was taken by the Russian Government, the permission which was given me to inspect prisons and mines, and the comparative immunity from arrest, detention, and imprisonment which I enjoyed, even when my movements and associations were such as justly to render me an object of suspicion to the local Siberian authorities."

The *General Catalogue of Marietta College* comes out very opportunely in connection with the centennial of the first settlement of the Northwest Territory at Marietta. It is a fine list of 684 men whom that college has educated for useful service in the fifty years of its existence. Dr. Israel W. Andrews, who has been one of the Faculty for nearly the whole period died a few days ago, but John Kendrick, LL. D., who has been professor there since 1840, is still living as Professor Emeritus; he was a Phillips Academy boy of 1822. General John Eaton is now the President, and his long experience at the head of the National Bureau of Education admirably fits him to carry on the work of the college in the "Northwest Territory."

And here comes the *Wide Awake* for April (second edition), late but good enough to make it all up—the briefest inventory shows how good. Two Girls—Two Parties by Susan Coolidge; Two Painters and their Pets by Eleanor Lewis (the two being Landseer and Rosa Bonheur); Ballads of London Bridge; My Uncle Florimond (a very interesting chapter); Prince of Bandong and his son; April Fool's Day; a Crow Indian story by Lieut. Fremont; Those Cousins of Mabels, continued; All around an old Meeting House, which was apparently located on Halifax Green in Plymouth County; the poetical story of a Peppercorn—perhaps the one the Osgood District had to pay as rent for its school-house lot, according to last week's *Auld lang-syne*; Seven Pumpkin Pies; besides other short stories and all rhymes and questions and letters, of all which, as in the song of the Three Wise Men of Gotham, our praise would be stronger, if our column were longer!

OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

The Churches.

Rev. Mr. Blair of the South church and Rev. Mr. Stratton of the Baptist church exchanged pulpits last Sunday, preaching respectively on the passages, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and "What think ye of Christ?" Mr. Blair's evening sermon was from "What shall I do with Christ?" (Matt. 27:22.)

Rev. Mr. Palmer at Christ church preached in the morning from 1 Cor. 2:2—"Jesus Christ and Him crucified"—and in the evening from Gal. 5:13—"called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh."

Rev. Mr. Makepeace's subjects were: Seeing through a glass darkly (1 Cor. 13:12), and, The righteous flourishing like the palm tree (Ps. 92:12). Father Ryan's text was John 16:18-22. At the West church, Pastor Greene preached from Matt. 11:28-30, The Gracious Invitation.

Prof. Tucker at the Seminary church, in continuing his series of sermons on Christianity, spoke of the personality of Christ's religion, in its agency, its needs, its authority. Man's personal relation to Christ is expressed by following Him and believing in Him (Mark 10:17, 21; Acts 16:29-31). These imply: The active knowledge of Christ, the full and unreserved commitment to Christ, and the open avowal of Christ. In the afternoon, he spoke from Daniel 1:8—"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not"—the power of the negative.

Prof. Harris preached at the Union church in Boston, Prof. Taylor at the Kirk St. church in Lowell, Prof. Moore at Providence, and Rev. Selah Merrill at the Garden St. Methodist church in Lawrence.

Of theological students preaching last Sabbath, Mr. D. McDermid was at Auburn, R. L.; Mr. E. B. Stiles at Pittsfield, N. H.; Mr. W. Rader at Bedford, N. H.; Mr. C. M. Clark at Granby; Mr. W. Slade at West Newbury; Mr. H. W. Boyd at North Reading; Mr. G. W. Patterson at Thorndike; Mr. E. W. Shurtleff at Bristol, N. H.; Mr. E. A. Keep at Andover, N. H.; Mr. A. D. Smith at Middleton; Mr. G. F. Kennigott at Merrimack, N. H.; Mr. L. D. Bliss at Chelmsford; Mr. W. A. Anderson at Newburyport; Mr. H. G. Mank at Mechanic Falls, Me.; Mr. S. V. Cole at Wilton, N. H.; Mr. D. B. Pratt at Shirley.

Mr. Geo. W. Patterson of the Senior Class has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in Bristol, N. H., and Mr. A. D. Smith accepts his call to Bedford, N. H.

M. H. K. Santikian has been appointed to speak at the Commencement at the Theological Seminary in place of Mr. W. A. Anderson, excused.

Rev. Geo. M. Boynton has been dismissed from the Central church, Jamaica Plain, to take a secretaryship of the Cong. S. S. and Pub. Society.

The monthly Gospel Temperance meeting in the lower town hall on Sunday afternoon was well attended. It was conducted by Rev. C. V. Stratton, Messrs. Donald, Sheldon, Willey, McCurdy and J. W. Smith adding remarks.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Society on the 19th, Mrs. C. Eastman, President of the New England Moral Reform Society, gave an address on "The Dangers surrounding our Children." Mrs. Eastman stated plainly the evils to which children, even the youngest, may be exposed in public and private schools alike, and made an earnest appeal to mothers to win the confidence of their children and to second all efforts of teachers for the moral welfare of the young. She was listened to with marked interest and attention and many ladies remained after the meeting closed to thank her for the wise and practical suggestions received. The business meeting of the union is deferred to an early date at which due notice will be given.

The Home Missionary for May acknowledges the receipt of contributions to the H. M. Society from Andover, as follows: Edward Taylor, \$20, a friend \$5, South church by Geo. Gould, \$131.25, West church by E. F. Holt, \$50, Ladies of West church, box \$40, and cash, \$41.60.

An Opportunity too good to be lost.

BY MRS. ANNIE S. DOWNS.

The announcement in another column that the Christian Endeavor Societies of the South, Free, and West Parish churches, are to give a breakfast, May morning, in the Town Hall, Andover, for the establishment and support of an Andover Free Bed in the Lawrence Hospital, should receive the warmest welcome and the practical substantial assistance of every reader of the TOWNSMAN.

Probably every individual who is at all familiar, or in the least appreciates the work done by the Lawrence Hospital for this vicinity has wished at one time or another to do something to enlarge its scope, increase its efficiency, and make the way a little easier for its self-sacrificing managers who have so bravely taken up the burdens which belong to every one of us as much as to them.

Unhappily there are but few who can give large sums of money, but few who can even give much time; but a great many can help by patronizing this May breakfast. The price of a ticket is so small almost every householder can buy for self and family, as well as several spare ones, which be sure, however, you do not give away, for we want your neighbor to buy his own, but relegate carefully to the waste basket—so soon as they are paid for.

An enterprising and generous young business firm has already printed and presented the society with a thousand tickets and we earnestly wish so great might be the demand, that another thousand might be required. Of course the Selectmen will give the rent of the hall; and equally of course, the grocers, both butchers, market-men, fruit and fish dealers, farmers, milk-men, every body indeed who has any thing good to eat or drink, will follow the example of the gentlemen who printed and presented the tickets; and so we may venture to hope when the "Christian Endeavors" count the receipts, every cent will be clear gain, and there will not be a bill to pay. Still more, the advice to buy more tickets than you need, does not mean buy tickets and stay at home. Perhaps it would be well to eat your breakfast at home for then there will be more left and without doubt some generous job-man would take it at once to the Hospital where it is always welcome.

But whether you eat or not, go, support the enterprise by your presence, learn what are the actual plans, the confident hopes of these men and women who are spending themselves for others, so you will be uplifted by their unselfishness and illuminated by their enthusiasm. And no matter how insignificant we seem to ourselves, the truth remains the same, that a word of appreciation, a smile of satisfaction of which we are entirely unconscious, may its own work to do in helping on this enterprise which is our individual and particular business.

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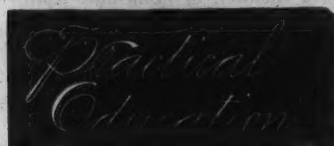
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ANDOVER TO LOWELL. A. M. 7.40 arrive in Lowell 8.32; 8.51 ar. 9.00; 9.51 ar. 10.35; 10.35 ar. 11.00; 11.10 ar. 11.39. P. M. 12.26 ar. 1.03; 1.35 ar. 2.35; 2.44 ar. 3.12; 3.18 ar. 3.45; 4.25 ar. 5.05; 5.50 ar. 6.15; 7.12 ar. 7.42; 9.39 ar. 10.10. SUNDAY: A. M. 7.49 ar. 8.13; 8.33 ar. 9.18. P. M. 12.29 ar. 12.50; 4.32 ar. 5.00; 5.53 ar. 6.30; 7.51 ar. 8.20.

LOWELL TO ANDOVER. A. M. 7.10 ar. in Andover 7.32; 7.35 ar. 8.23; 8.35 ar. 9.00; 11.00 ar. 11.30. P. M. 12.15 ar. 12.44; 1.00 ar. 1.23; 3.00 ar. 3.42; 3.40 ar. 4.05; 5.10 ar. 5.45; 6.15 ar. 6.47; 6.55 ar. 7.31; 11.10 ar. 11.45. SUNDAY: 8.29 ar. 9.06. P. M. 5.40 ar. 6.14; 7.30 ar. 8.05.

ANDOVER TO LAWRENCE. A. M. 7.02, 7.32, 8.23, 9.00, 10.24, 11.30. P. M. 12.44, 1.23, 3.00, 3.42, 4.05, 5.00, 5.45, 6.47, 7.31, 7.53. SUNDAY: A. M. 9.06. P. M. 6.14, 6.47, 8.05.

LAWRENCE TO ANDOVER. A. M. 6.40, 7.30, 7.55, 8.20, 9.35, 9.40, 10.20, 11.00. P. M. 12.15, 12.17, 1.10, 2.00, 2.35, 3.00, 4.15, 5.40, 7.02, 7.05, 9.30. SUNDAY: 7.40, 8.15. P. M. 12.10, 4.25, 5.37, 7.44.

*From South side.

ANDOVER TO SALEM. A. M. 7.33 arrive in Salem 8.40. P. M. 12.53 ar. 2.03; 5.45 ar. 6.55.

SALEM TO ANDOVER. A. M. 7.00 arrive in Andover 8.30; 11.32 ar. 1.35. P. M. 4.43 ar. 5.50; 6.00 ar. 7.12. P. M. Wakefield Junction, 10.35 ar. 11.30; 1.55 ar. 3.00.

GOING EAST. A. M. 7.02 H. 7.32 N. 8.23, 9.00, 10.24 H. P. M. 12.53 N. 1.23, 3.42 N. 4.05, 5.45, 6.47 N. 7.53 H. SUNDAY: A. M. 9.06 H. P. M. 6.47, 8.05 H.

H. to Haverhill only. N. connects to Newburyport.

GOING NORTH, VIA MANCHESTER. A. M. 8.23. P. M. 12.44, 3.00, 5.45. SUNDAY: A. M. 9.06. P. M. 6.47.

ANDOVER POST OFFICE.

WM. G. Goldsmith, P. M.

MAILS CLOSE: for Boston, New York, South and West, 7.30, 12.45; for Lawrence, 8.00, 3.45; for East, 8.35; for North, 8.20, 3.45.

MAILS OPEN: from Boston, 8.9, 1.30, 4.30, 5.7.15; from Lawrence, 8.39, 1.30, 6.7.45; from F. st, 1.30, 7.45; from North, 1.30, 6.

HOURS: 7. A. M. to 8 P. M. Money order office, 8. A. M. to 5.30 P. M. Legal Holidays, open 8 to 9.30 A. M.

THE MARKETS.

Local Retail Markets.

Corrected Weekly by Andover Dealers.

Flour, Haxall,	\$6.75 to \$6.00
" St. Louis,	5.00 to 5.25
Corn, per bag,	1.50
Meal " "	1.40
" oat, per lb.	31-2 c. to 41-2 c.
Oats, per bag,	95 c. to 100 c.
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	\$1.20 to \$1.25
Tea,	25 c. to 80 c.
Coffee,	24 c. to 33 c.
Sugar, gran.	7 1-2 c. to 8 c.
" brown,	6 c. to 7 c.
Butter,	22 c. to 35 c.
Cheese,	16 c. to 17 c.
Eggs,	to 22 c.
Lard,	10 c. to 11 c.
Potatoes, per bu.,	to \$1.10
Onions, " peck,	60c.
Beans, " "	60 c. to 85 c.
Cranberries, per bu.	\$2.50 to 3.20
Apples, per bbl.,	\$1.50 to 2.50
Ham, per lb.,	12 c. to 14 c.
Pork, roast,	12 c. to 14 c.
" salt,	14 c.
Beef, roast,	10 c. to 28 c.
" steak,	15 c. to 28 c.
Lamb roast,	14 c. to 20 c.
" chops,	15 c. to 25 c.
Veal,	10 c. to 20 c.
Sausages,	12 to 14 c.
Chickens,	15 c. to 25 c.
Fowls,	17 c.
Turkeys,	17 c. to 20 c.
Codfish,	6 c. to 10 c.
" dry,	7 c. to 11 c.
Halibut,	12 c. to 18 c.
Haddock,	4 c. to 6 c.
Clams, per qt.,	25 c.
Oysters, " "	30 c. to 40 c.
Hay, per 100 lbs.,	85 c. to \$1.00
Straw, " "	\$1.10 to \$1.20
Coal, furnace, per ton,	\$7.00
" egg,	\$7.25
" stove,	\$7.50
Wood, hard, per cord,	\$6.00 to \$6.50
" soft,	\$4.50

Special Notices.

Professor Tucker will preach at the Seminary church next Sunday.

Young People's service at Baptist church, Sunday evening, 7 o'clock, with address by the pastor.

"May Breakfast" at Town Hall, Tuesday morning, May 1, 5 to 9 o'clock.

ANDOVER NEWS.

These pleasant spring days are arousing farmers and florists and the new advertisements this week from Smith & Manning, page 8, T. A. Holt & Co., H. A. McLawlin and Mrs. Waterman, page 4, are of particular interest to our readers.

Louis, youngest son of Jas. B. Smith was somewhat injured by being thrown from his horse while riding, Tuesday last.

E. H. Barnard has commenced his annual tour of spring cleaning so far as a fresh coat of paint can go. He is at present brushing up, among others, the houses of Messrs. John Abbott and William Abbott on Central St.

Sheldon, Eames and Co., shipped their saw-mill for Boscawen, N. H., on Wednesday. They have been operating in the Cape district for eleven and one-half weeks, during which time, they have set up and taken down their mill, and cut over a million feet of lumber. This was no Gray's "Half Acre," which contains 54 1-2 acres. Besides the lumber, 2000 cords of wood were obtained, which was sold to a Reading party. Some pine logs produced 1000 to 1200 feet lumber, and one white ash log sold to William Poor contained 654 feet. This mill will cut from 20,000 to 30,000 feet of lumber per day.

Mrs. C. S. Abbott has returned from her visit to Malden, Mass.

Adams and Daw have handsome new teams for use in dispensing their Cochichewick Lake ice.

Brainard Cummings is building the new house in Marland Village for C. H. Jewett. T. Howard is putting in the foundation.

Mr. Lorenzo Moore has gone to Dakota, to look after his business interests there.

Dr. Scott has purchased a handsome new Goddard buggy.

Hardy and Cole are building over and rearranging the dry house connected with their factory.

Early in May Mrs. A. R. Frame and family will leave town for Monrovia, Cal., where she will join her husband now located there in his old business of blacksmithing. Newspapers and illustrations show the place to be delightfully situated and Mr. Frame appears to be much pleased with his location and prospects.

Lincoln Lodge, No. 78, A.O.U.W. entertained Pacific Lodge of Lawrence at G.A.R. hall last Monday evening. The regular work of the lodge was followed by a collation, singing, speechmaking, etc. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

A meeting has been held, and initiatory steps taken, looking towards the formation of an Electric Light Company in Andover.

Miss Emma M. Gould of Scotland District, has been visiting friends in North Reading.

Rev. Frank E. Clark sailed for England on the Cephalonia, last Saturday. He is to represent the Christian Endeavor societies of America at the "May Meetings" in London. Mrs. Clark and family expect to spend most of the time with her mother. Mrs. S. F. Abbott.

A "man of muscle" gave an exhibition of feats of strength, in Elm square, Tuesday evening, selling meantime a printed account of his mighty deeds for five cents apiece. He failed to lift two or three Academy boys who had accepted his invitation to sit in his chair.

The Mountain Rose Quintette, a colored troupe, will give a concert in the Town Hall this evening, consisting of songs, and music by an orchestra.

Advertised Letters, April 23, 1888.

Persons calling, will please give the date of this list.

Abbott, Moody	Johnson, A.
Bailey, Wm.	Leary, Miss
Bain, C. A.	McLellan, Wm.
Barnard, Francis	Moore, Mary
Bastain, W. C.	Page, Edward
Breed, W. J.	Pierce, Alonzo
Buckley, D. J.	Pike, J. C.
Cheaver, S. O.	Prescott, C. H.
Connelly, Alice	Sarah—
Cullot, Mary	Seive Man'g Co
Daley, P.	Shea, Michael
Dixon, M.	Shirley, Baran
Dixon, Mary	Stawbeck, Joe
Dooley, Maria	Towne, Nathan
Driscoll, Mary	Tripp, Norman
Gutterson, C. M.	Walcott, E. F.
Huntington, John	Waldren, J. D.
Hyde, Mary C.	Webster, A. J.

Welch, C. M.

WILLIAM G. GOLDSMITH, P. M.

Probate.

SALEM, April 16. Wills proved. Wm. Hardy of Andover; Edward S. Hardy, Fred. L. Hardy, ex'rs.

Administrations granted. Mercer C. Dunn of Andover; Frank M. Bailey of Watertown, Adm.

Inventories. Thirza T. Calkins, of No. Andover. Real estate, \$1085; personal estate, \$99.50. Sarah J. Swan of No. Andover. Real estate, \$900; personal estate \$15.

GLOUCESTER, April 23. Inventories. Rebecca Johnson of No. Andover; Personal estate, \$978.50.

BIRTHS.

In Ballardvale, April 20, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright.

In North Andover, April 15, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Collier.

In North Andover, April 17, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Falla.

In North Andover, April 24, a son to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Josselyn.

In Boston, April 21, a son to Rev. and Mrs. Leverett Bradley.

MARRIAGES.

In Andover, April 18, by Geo. A. Putnam, Esq., Mr. Charles Sands and Miss Mary A. F. Dalton, both of Andover.

DEATHS.

In Andover, April 27, Mrs. Lucy (Abbott), wife of Mr. Joseph S. Holt, aged 70 years.

In North Andover, of bronchitis, April 25, Mr. John Kendall, aged 67.

In New York, April 18, Helen Ager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Marland Darracott, aged 5 months, 18 days.

In Peabody, April 22, Mr. Edward Jacobs, a prominent morocco manufacturer, aged 56 years.

In Salem, April 22, Mr. Henry A. Price, an old-time broker in that city, aged 61 years.

In Manchester, N. H., April 19, ex-Mayor Horace B. Putnam, a native of Danvers, aged 62.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Essex, ss. To the Heirs-at-law, Next of Kin, and all other Persons interested in the estate of Mary Ann Flint, late of Andover, in said county, widow, deceased.

GREETING:

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by John H. Flint, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his bond, for the reasons alleged in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Salem, in said county of Essex, on the first Monday of May next, at nine o'clock, before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said John H. Flint is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper, called the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, printed at Andover, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, GEORGE F. CHOATE, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this tenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

J. T. MAHONEY, REGISTER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Essex, ss. To the Heirs-at-law, Next of Kin, and all other Persons interested in the Estate of C. Estella Gould, late of Andover, in said county (wife of Milo H. Gould) deceased.

GREETING:

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by Milo H. Gould, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his bond, for the reasons alleged in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lawrence, in said county of Essex, on the second Monday of May, next, at nine o'clock, before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said Milo H. Gould is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper, called the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN, printed at Andover, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, GEORGE F. CHOATE, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this tenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

J. T. MAHONEY, REGISTER.

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holds 10 barrels; 1 Phaeton, 1 Democrat, 1 Open
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